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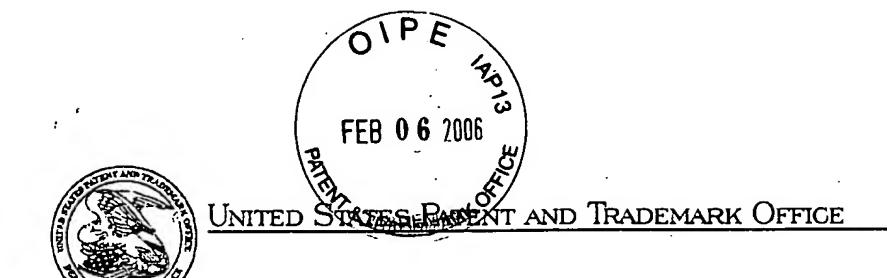
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**Title** 

Expandable resin beads of styrene-modified straight-chain and low-density polyethylene, process for production thereof, pre-expand beads, and foams

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